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For: METHODS FOR INHIBITING OSTEOCLAST FORMATION OR METHODS FOR
INHIBITING BONE RESORPTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. As per the rules, the International Bureau should have provided copies of the references, thus they are not attached.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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The cited documents were noted in the International Search Report (ISR) of PCT/JP00/04146.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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